



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: Helmut M. Sassenfeld et al. Docket No.: 3091-A

Serial No.: 10/080,471

Examiner: Eileen B. O'Hara

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For: INCREASED RECOVERY OF ACTIVE PROTEINS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003 (Paper No. 4), in which the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species of (1) protein or type of protein; and (2) reduction/oxidation coupling reagent. Applicants elect the species of claim 5, a soluble form of a TNF receptor, and the species cysteine, for initial examination purposes.

Applicants are submitting herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and copies of references cited.

An early and favorable action is earnestly requested. If the Examiner believes that any issues could be resolved by way of a consultation, she is invited to telephone the undersigned representative of the Applicants.

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